PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2004-45-C

BellSouth BSE, Inc. (BSE) and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (BSLD) jointly filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) for the Commission's approval of the merger of BSE into BSLD. BSE intends to merge all its assets BSLD, including without limitations the following: accounts receivable, BSE's customer base, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission's offices by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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